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to me.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend Senator Schrock's amendment. (FA1056, Legislative Journal page 1424.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on that amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, just quickly. It's the amendment that would allow any member of the Legislature, if they so desire, to participate as a member of the task force, so if Senator Jones or Senator Smith or myself or anybody would like to hear firsthand what's going on and participate, they could do so. And I'm very glad that Senator Schrock is agreeable to that. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Beutler amendment, Senator Raikes. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I was going to talk to Senator Schrock's amendment, but I'll get that out of the way now. I support the...Senator Beutler's amendment also, obviously support the whole task force concept regardless of the outcome of the Kansas vs. Nebraska lawsuit. We have some long-term questions dealing with water management in the state of Nebraska. It's a very precious resource. We need to get a group together. At one time I thought it was too big, and I commend Senator Schrock for getting this thing whittled down to 49 members with an Exec Board of 14 members I believe is what it is. So I support it. There has been a wide diversity of views between, as Senator Schrock said, the Lower Republican, Middle and Upper Republican. I have two of those out of the three and there's some diversity of views between the Upper and the Middle, even. But we need this task force to get an overall picture of the state, not just...not just focused on Republican River Basin, obviously. So I certainly support both Senator Schrock's amendment and Senator Beutler's. Thank you.